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An apparatus including a shipment conveyance device associated with a shipment and which is at least one of a shipping container, a pallet, and a tote, a global positioning device located in, on, or at, the shipment conveyance device and which determines a position or location of the shipment conveyance device, a processing device which processes at least one of information regarding the shipment and information regarding the shipment conveyance device in response to an occurrence of an event or a request for information and which generates a message containing information regarding the occurrence of an event, a status of the shipment, a position or location of the shipment or the shipment conveyance device, a shipment temperature, or an impact or force on the shipment conveyance device, and a transmitter which transmits the message to a communication device associated with the shipment sender, receiver, or carrier.